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LEVEL AND METHOD FOR USING SAME

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#### COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

This COMMUNICATION is responsive to a NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS, Filing Date Granted, mailed May 17,

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Applicants are confused by the requirements of the Notice in that the Notice stated at Page 1 as follows:

A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:

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1-65 do not comply with the size requirements (8 1/2 by 11 or 21.0 by 29.7 cm). The drawings filed are unacceptable because: Replacement page(s), together with a statement that the replacement page(s) contain no new matter, are required.

In order to be responsive, Applicant is filing herewith the following documents:

- (1) Duplicate Original of NOTICE TO FILE APPLICATION PAPERS, Filing Date Granted;
- (2) Original of Specification reformated into 8 1/2 by 11 format comprising Pages 1 through 50, Claims 1 through 57 reformated into 8 1/2 by 11 format comprising Pages 1 through 27 and Abstract of the Disclosure reformated into 8 1/2 by 11 format comprising Page 1, totaling 78 pages; and
- (3) Nine (9) Sheets of substitute Formal Drawing in A-4 Format.

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If any additional fees are due herein, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Respectfully submitted,

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